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Foreword

In the Connecticut River Valley, autumn foliage and the sequence of passing cold fronts sweep away summer nostalgia and kick-start thoughts of winter and even that first unformed but undeniable anticipation of green shoots and warm weather waiting at the far side. And, for the past 25 years, autumn has also meant the annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water and Energy in Amherst. It is not simple coincidence that the Conference is one of the most forward-thinking gatherings of scientists, engineers, and environmental practitioners. Our academic training means that autumn is a regular time of intellectual renewal and professional excitement. For many of us, our Circadian clocks peak in autumn—we do our best thinking while leaves are in high color and the air is fresh and dry.

It is not surprising that the Conference proceedings have demonstrated, year after year, that emerging ideas and new and productive concepts can be generated by participants in an institution like the Autumn Conference. And 2009 was no exception. As you peruse the Table of Contents, keep in mind how innovative our inquiries into emergent fields such as bioremediation, phytoremediation, and chemical remediation are, and how our deliberations keep mundane-sounding, but critically important topics such as heavy metals, modeling, pesticides, risk assessment, sediments, and site assessments fresh and in the forefront.

There were more than 140 presentations at the 2009 Conference. The best and the brightest are in your hands now, in the pages of this volume. As you leaf through these proceedings, we hope you resolve to join us next year, as the Conference enters its second quarter-century. Our collective efforts have made this conference an annual treasure. We'll see you in 2010!

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